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SUBJ: CGT VISIT TO CUBA

REF: BA 1418

1. IN MAR 27 DISCUSSION WITH LABATT, CGT PRESS SECRETARY BARRIONUEVO COMMENTED ON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF CUBAN LABOR MOVEMENT GLEANED DURING FEB 25 TO MAR 1 VISIT TO CUBA AS PART OF OFFICIAL ARGENTINE BUSINESSMEN'S DELEGATION. BARRIONUEVO SAID HIS IMPRESSIONS WERE OBVIOUSLY SUPERFICIAL AS THE FOUR MAN CGT DELEGATION ATTENDED ALL OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND ONLY MET WITH THE CTC FOR A SHORT PROTOCOL VISIT ON FEB 28.

2. BARRIONUEVO OBSERVED THAT THE CUBAN EXPERIENCE HAD BROUGHT OBVIOUS BENEFITS TO THE WORKING CLASS. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH BENEFITS, ABOUT WHICH THE CTC OFFICIALS QUOTED COMPARATIVE STATISTICS WITH THE PRE-CASTRO PERIOD. HE SAID THE MENTALITY OF THE CTC OFFICERS WAS A CLOSED ONE WITH REFERENCE TO THE CUBAN EXPERIENCE, AND THAT THEY OBVIOUSLY HONESTLY BELIEVED THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM IN CUBA WAS THE PROPER ONE. HE SAID THERE WERE MANY CONTRADICTIONS

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BETWEEN "NORMAL" TRADE-UNION POSITIONS AND THOSE EXPRESSED BY

THE CTC, AND THAT THEY (CGT OFFICIALS) WERE UNABLE TO SATIS-  
FACTORILY EXPLAIN SEVERAL OF THOSE CONTRADICTIONS. BARRIONUEVO  
NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE ORGINIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CTC IS  
THE SAME AS THAT OF THE CGT, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO  
ROOM FOR IDSSSENT, EITHER IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS OR IN THE DAILY  
FUNCTIONING OF THE LABOR CENTRAL. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT  
IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED CONTACT TO GATHER  
ANY IN-DEPTH IMPRESSIONS OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE CTC  
LEADERSHIP TO THE RANK AND FILE. ACTION REQUESTEC: PASS  
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